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CHAPTER 127

COMRADES

Part 2

NOAH BENNET and CLAUDE teamed up with IVAN SPEKTOR to bag and tag THE RUSSIAN, a man with the ability to shift his age. During a foot chase through a Moscow Metro Station, Ivan convinced Noah that their dangerous target must be killed. But when The Russian shifted his age to that of a Young Boy, the stakes were raised and Noah realized the hunt has only just begun...



I WAS ASSIGNED TO TAKE THIS KID DOWN. THE AGE SHIFTING RUSSIAN.

NO! DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!



BUT THINGS DON'T ALWAYS PLAY OUT HOW WE EXPECT.



I AM DISAPPOINTED IN YOU BOTH.

CRY ME A RIVER.

ONE DAY YOU'LL SEE THAT YOUR TENDER SIDE REQUIRES DISCRETION.



THE RUSSIAN TRICKED YOU INTO BEING KIND, NOAH. YOU SHOULD'VE PULLED THE TRIGGER.

HE COULD BE ANYWHERE BY NOW.

FOR EXAMPLE...

IN 8 YEARS I AM GOING TO KILL IVAN.



AND IN A YEAR I WILL FOLLOW ORDERS TO SHOOT CLAUDE. THREE TIMES.

YES. HE COULD BE ANYWHERE. BUT HE'S A LITTLE KID. I HAVE A HUNCH WHERE HE'S HIDING.

AND WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO ONCE YOU FIND HIM?



USE MY DISCRETION.

TONIGHT IS WHEN BOTH THOSE COURSES OF ACTION FIRST TOOK HOLD. WHILE WE'RE ALL WORKING TOGETHER.



YOU'RE NOT TAKING IVAN'S SIDE, ARE YOU?

I HAVE TO CONSIDER IT. HE'S SEEN THE RUSSIAN KILL.

YOU LOOKED INTO THE RUSSIAN'S EYES, NOAH. HE'S A CHILD. NOT A KILLER.

I UNDERSTAND CLAUDE'S SYMPATHY FOR THE RUSSIAN.

BUT THAT ATTITUDE FLIES IN THE FACE OF THE JOB WE'RE HERE TO DO.

NO. HE'S AN AGE SHIFTER, CLAUDE. NOT A CHILD.

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DAMMIT...
WHERE DID
HE GO?

I'LL CHECK
THIS WAY.

I'LL LOOK
OVER HERE.



SEE
ANYTHING?

NO.
NOTHING.

IT WAS A SIMPLE WHITE
LIE. CLAUDE THOUGHT THE
RUSSIAN COULD ESCAPE.



BUT IT WAS A BETRAYAL
TO THE COMPANY. CLAUDE
WAS CHOOSING SIDES.

NOAH!
HE'S RIGHT
THERE!



THAT WHITE LIE PUT
CLAUDE ON THE
COMPANY'S WATCH LIST.



CLAUDE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT IVAN MANIPULATED US...



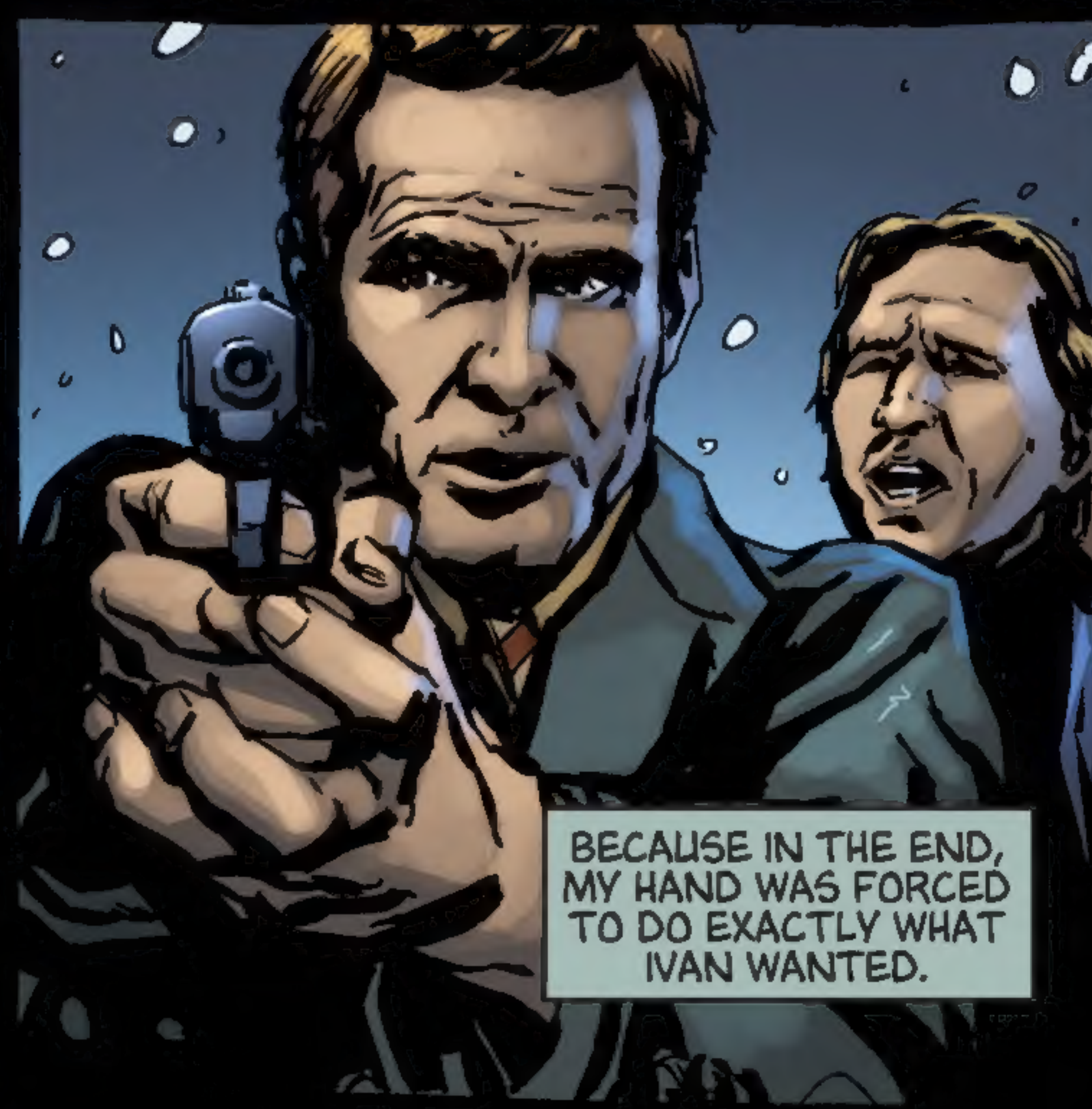
THAT IVAN CALLED OUT TO ME JUST TO PUT THE RUSSIAN ON THE DEFENSIVE. SO HE'D AGE SHIFT TO HIS OLDER SELF.

OH NO...



OH NO...

I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT CLAUDE MIGHT BE RIGHT.



BECAUSE IN THE END, MY HAND WAS FORCED TO DO EXACTLY WHAT IVAN WANTED.





YOU SEE, CLAUDE. I WAS RIGHT.

I NEVER QUITE FORGAVE IVAN. FOR SCARRING MY HUMANITY. FOR RAISING THE RED FLAG ON CLAUDE.

THIS TIME. BUT USING A GUN MIGHT NOT BE RIGHT NEXT TIME.

MAYBE NEXT TIME WE'LL HAVE GUNS POINTED AT EACH OTHER.

BUT HE DID TEACH ME ONE THING. EVIL COMES IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES. IT WEARS MANY FACES.



AND SOMETIMES IT'S STARING RIGHT AT YOU.

HERE'S TO STANDING BEHIND THE TRIGGER.



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